

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

SECTION 124575-124595

124575. The department shall maintain a program for American Indians and their families, consisting of all of the following:

- (a) Studies of the health and health services available to American Indians and their families throughout the state.
- (b) Technical and financial assistance to local agencies concerned with the health of American Indians and their families.
- (c) Coordination with similar programs of the federal government, other states, and voluntary agencies.

124580. The department shall cooperate with local governmental agencies and contract with voluntary nonprofit organizations in connection with the development of local health programs for American Indians and their families.

124585. (a) All moneys appropriated to the department for the purposes of this chapter shall be used to provide financial, training, and technical assistance to urban and rural American Indian health programs and to assist these programs in planning, implementing, and upgrading programs to attain a comprehensive health services delivery system for American Indians in urban and rural areas.

(b) The department shall provide technical assistance and shall promote the provision of services for preventive health care, health education, and environmental health.

(c) The department may expend funds, appropriated to it to carry out the purposes of this chapter, by contract or grant, or any combination thereof, to assist any urban or rural American Indian health program.

(d) The department shall adopt regulations establishing criteria for reimbursement for direct services under this chapter, that shall include, but not be limited to, a definition of direct services that are reimbursable and a formula for allocation of funds appropriated to the department.

(e) The department shall provide assistance to American Indian health services programs in maximizing utilization of third party payment systems and in developing programs in health education, nutrition, and family planning, if the assistance is not being provided by agencies of the federal government.

(f) Funds appropriated to carry out the purposes of this chapter shall be supplemental to those available from the federal government and shall not duplicate, and they shall not replace, any commitments made by the federal government to provide health services to American Indians and their families in this state who receive health services pursuant to an urban or rural American Indian health program.

(g) It is the intent of the Legislature that the program established by this chapter shall, commencing with the 1984-85 fiscal year, be funded according to customary budget procedures.

124590. The Legislature finds and declares that the health status of many American Indians in California is not adequate.

It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature to insure that in addition to funding provided pursuant to the American Indian Health

Service program, sufficient funding is provided to American Indians from other programs in order to substantially improve their access to health services. These programs include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Rural health services.
- (b) Mental health services.
- (c) Developmental disability programs.
- (d) Maternal and child health programs.
- (e) Alcoholism programs.
- (f) Programs for the aging.
- (g) Environmental health programs.

The department shall report to the Legislature by July 1, 1984, and every two years thereafter, with respect to the extent to that funding for these programs is allocated to grantees receiving funding from the department pursuant to Section 124585.

124595. (a) The Indian Health Policy Panel, established by the director pursuant to Section 1520 of Title 17 of the California Administrative Code, is continued in existence and shall be renamed the American Indian Health Policy Panel. The policy panel shall advise the department on the level of resources, priorities, criteria, and guidelines necessary to implement this chapter. The policy panel shall be composed of 10 members, appointed by the director. Four members shall be appointed from a list of persons submitted by the California Rural Indian Health Board, four members shall be appointed from a list of persons submitted by the Western Indian Network, and two members shall represent the public. The persons appointed by the director to represent the public may be consumers, consumer advocates, health service providers, representatives of state or county health agencies, health professionals, or private citizens. The terms of the members shall be established pursuant to bylaws adopted by the policy panel.

(b) The director may also seek advice from individuals and groups, other than the policy panel, on program issues.

(c) Those persons who are members of the policy panel on December 31, 1983, shall continue to be members for the remainder of their terms and, upon expiration of their terms, shall be eligible for reappointment by the director.